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The invention provides human coenzyme A-utilizing enzymes (CoAEN) and polynucleotides which identify and encode CoAEN. The invention also provides expression vectors, host cells, antibodies, agonists and antagonists. The invention also provides methods for diagnosing, treating, or preventing disorders associated with expression of CoAEN.

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Although claims 19 and 20 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search on claim 19 has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition (concerning claim 20, see below).

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Claims Nos.: 17,18, 20

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